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OF

THE MINER FAMILY

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THE GENEALOGY *of the* MINER FAMILY

Extract from

"AN HERAULDICALL ESSAY UPON THE SURNAME OF MINOR"

Written by Alex. Cunningham, in London, 1683

(Original now in Museum at Hartford, Conn.)

It is praiseworthie in noble and excellent things to know something, though little, than in mean and ignoble things to have a perfect knowledge. Amongst all those rare ornaments of the mind of man, herauldrie hath had a most eminent place and hath been in heigh esteme, not only at one time and in one climate but during all times and through those parts of the world where any ray of Humanitie and Civilitie hath shined: for without it all would be drown'd in the Chaos of disorder.

Neither is she so partial that money shall make (man); for he ought not be accounted a perfite Herauld except that he can discerne the difference betwixt a Coat armoriall, obtayned by valour, or purchased by money. Sentum Gentilitum Palludi—able not mercenary—as appears by this coat of the Miners.

The reason (As Garcilasso sayeth, page 432) is this: Edward the Third going to make warre against the French tooke a progresse through Somersett (A.D. 1342) and coming to Mendippe Colles Minerary, Mendippe Hills in Somersett where lived one Henry Miner, his name being rather a denominatione loci et al Officio, who with all carefullness and Loyalltie having convened his Domesticall and menial servants armed with Battle-axes, profered himself and them to his master's service making up a completed hundred, wherefore he had his coat armoriall Gules (signifying minius, red, another demonstration of the Originall of the Surname) a "Fease" (id est cingulum militaire, because obtayned by valour). (Betwixt three plates Argent, another demonstratione of the armes for there could be no plates without Mines). It is folly to suppose such a Surname as "Minor" to have any Coat of Armes. It being contrary, yea contradictory in termes that minors can obtaine Paternall Coats of Atchievents unlesse it be presupposed that major was his father.

And albeit Heraulds differ in deriving (says Ferdon, Page 342) of this surname Miner, and time with the various Dialects of severall Counties have almost made it to be another name; yet if ignorance would strive to eradecate Ancestrie, it cannot do it in this Coat, the name and Colours making so much proof with the place (says Baker), 1st. The place where the original came from Mendippe Colles Minerary; 2ndly. The Field minius; 3rdly. The charge minerall; 4thly. The circumstances and actions upon record relative to the Crest being a battle-axe armed at both ends (Miner all).

Herauldie is a thing not of yesterday of which may be otherways found out, being already condescended upon by all nations, and as it were established "Jure Genitum" among the Greeks, Romans, Germans, French, Spaniards, English, Scots, Danes and Hungarians, etc.

Ferdon, the great Antiquarian, sayeth that the King's Secretary returned the first Henry Miner a Compliment for his Loyaltie in these words, "Oceanus, quiancismague Fluvius multique Torrentes suit ei Stipendiarii non dedignatur recipere Minores Rivules ete, (id est.)" The Ocean, though great rivers with many currents pay him tribute, disdains not also to receive the Lesser, if Loyal, Brooks which by one only Urne pour themselves into its bosome.

This Henry died in the year 1359 leaving behind him Henry, Edward, Thomas and George Miners of whom little is to be said save only that Henry married one Henrietta Hicks, Daughter to Edward Hicks of Glocester of whom, as appears by the paling of these arms are the Hicks of Beverston Castle in Glocester descended and had issue William and Henry. William married one Hobbs of Wiltshire and had issue Thomas and George. (Henry the 2nd son served Richard the Second anno 1384.) Thomas, 1399 married one ———— Gressleys daughter of Cotton in the countie of Stafford and had issue Lodovick, George and Mary.

Lodovick married Anna Dyrer Daughter of Thomas Dyer of Staughton in the Com. Huntington and had issue Thomas borne 1456 and after that twins, 22 years after the birth of the said Thomas and the twins George and Arthur, (who both served the house of Austria) the younger married (as Phillip Comines relates) one Henretta de La Viela Odorosa.

Thomas married Bridget second daughter to Sir George Hervie de St. Martins in Com. Middlesex and died 1480 leaving his son William and daughter Anna Miner in tutorage to their mother Bridget whome she resigned to her father and turned to the Monastericall life in Dalford where she remained during her life.

William married Isabella Harcope de Frolibay and lived to Revenge the death of the two young Princes murdered in the Tower of London, upon their unhumane unkle, Richard the 3rd. It is said of this William Miner that he was the "Flos Militias" (the flower of

chevallrie); he left behine him 10 sons: William, George, Thomas, Robert, Nathaniel and John; the rest are not recorded.

The 2 last went over to Ireland 1541 when King Henry the 8th was proclaimed 1st King of Ireland, Nathaniel married one Fitzmaurice neigh Gaterlough in the Province of Leinster in Ireland. John married Joselina Obryan Daughter of Teig Obryan of Innes in the Countie of Clare whose posteritie remaines there in the name of Miner, bearing the same coat. George married and lived in Shropshire, Thomas in Hereford, William the eldest son had issue Clement and Elizabeth Miners and was buried at Chew-Magna the 23rd day of February, "Anno Domini" 1585 and lies in the Priest's chancell about four foot from the wall with this inscription (Heir—eth—M. Myner—of—psh—obijt xxm Febur 3md IXXXB) this and no more legible upon the stone, with the Coat of Armes, but by the Records and Registers of the said church it is evident that his name was William Miner they both agreeing in the same date and place and must needs bene the head of ye same family as by the Paternall coat clearly appears, Clement his son, succeeded his father in heritage and married—and had issue Clement, Thomas, Elizabeth, and Mary Miners and departed this life the 31st of March 1640 and lies interred in Chew-Magna in the Countie of Somersett.

Clement the eldest brother married Sarah Pope Daughter of John Pope of Norton Small Reward in the Countie of Somersett and had issue William and Israel. This Clement was buried at Burslington in the Countie of Somersett.

Thomas his brother is now alive at Stonington in Carneticute Colloney in New England, Anno Domini 1683.

Thomas Miner, second son of Clement, born 1608, came to America in the year 1630, on the ship Arabella and landed at Salem, in the Colony of Massachusetts. He married Grace Palmer in 1634, and settled at New London, Connecticut; in 1653 he removed to Stonington, Conn., and became one of the Founders of that City. He had twelve children: John, Joseph, Thomas, Clement, Judah, Manasseh, Ephraim, Ann, Marie, Samuel, Elizabeth and Hannah. He died in 1690. His fourth son, Clement, married Frances Wiley in 1662; Clement's fourth child, a son William married Anna ——— of Lyme in 1691.

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Clement Minor, fourth son of Thomas Minor, the emigrant, married Frances Willey, widow of Isaac Willey, Jr., in the year 1661. Their children were:

Mary, born 1664, married Thomas Leach.

Joseph, born 1666, married Elizabeth Comstock.

Clement, Jr., born 1668, married Martha Mould.
William, born 1670, married Anna Beckwith.
Ann, born 1672, married ————.

Clement next married Martha Wellman and had one daughter, Phoebe, born 1677. She married John Stebbins. Clement married a third time but had no more children.

This Clement, usually called "Lieutenant" or "Deacon" Minor, lived in the town of New London, Connecticut, where some of his descendants still live. He died in the year 1700.

William Minor, the fourth child of Clement and Frances Willey Minor, born at New London, November 6, 1670, married Anna Beckwith of the village of Lyme, Connecticut, in the year 1691. The children were:

William, born 1692, married Abigail ————.
Clement, born 1694, married Esther Lee.
Thomas, born 1696, married Martha Stebbins.
Daniel, born 1700, married Abigail Stebbins.
Christopher, born 1701, died young.
John, born 1703, married Lydia Howard.
Stephen, born 1705, married Athalia Updyke.
Susanna, born 1707, married John Brown.
Sarah, born 1708, married Clement Stebbins.

1. Stephen Miner, born 1705. Went from Connecticut to New Jersey, where he married Athalia Updike, and removed to Loudoun County, Virginia. They had six children:

2. William
3. Stephen
4. Lawrence
5. Samuel
6. Sarah
7. John

William (2) married Frances Phillips of Maryland. They crossed the mountains into Monongalia County, Virginia, in 1760 and were among the first settlers. Made their home first near Blacksville, and later at or near Mapletown, Greene County, Pennsylvania, where Frances died in 1797 and William died in 1804. Both are buried in the old Presbyterian Cemetery near Greensboro, Greene County, Pa. They had nine children:

8. Stephen, born Feb. 8, 1760.
9. William, born Jan. 27, 1766.
10. John, born Feb. 26, 1768. Died unmarried, 1832.
11. Theophilus, born May 26, 1770.
12. Philip, born June 26, 1772. Died unmarried.

13. Frances, born Feb. 26, 1774.

14. Joseph, born Dec. 10, 1775.

15. Samuel, born June 26, 1777.

16. Noah, born Nov. 12, 1779.

Stephen (8) went to New Orleans in 1780 and enlisted in the Spanish Army, and later became Governor of the Territory of Mississippi, when it was a Spanish possession. His home was at Natchez, Miss. He married first Mary Ellis, and had one child,

17. Mary

He married a second time, Katherine Lintot, of Natchez, Miss., and had four children:

18. Frances, married Henry Chotard of St. Domingo and had a large family, now living at Pass Christian, Miss., and at New Orleans.

19. Katherine, married James C. Wilkins—children all died young.

20. Stephen

21. William John

William (9) married Elinor Phillips. Was drowned in Dunkard Creek—had two children (boys), one named

22. Theophilus—other name not known.

Theophilus (11) married first Elinor Miner, widow of his brother William (9). They had several children. He married a second time a widow—name not known. There were children. He left one known son:

23. Philip

Joseph (14) married and went to Kentucky, and later to Indiana, where he had a large family of which nothing is known.

Samuel (15) married first Susan Clegg, of Blackville, Virginia, and had twelve children, of whom one died in infancy:

24. William, born 1797, married Elizabeth Lantz.

25. Noah, born 1798, married Lydia Chalfant.

26. Jacob, married Christina Tennant.

27. Alexander, married Eva Brown.

28. Samuel, Jr., married Anna ————.

29. Massie, married Mr. Haynes.

30. Cassandra, married Brice Worley.

31. Theophilus, married Margaret Lantz.

32. Margaret, married Alex Lantz.

33. Frances, married Abraham Tennant.

34. Rebecca, died unmarried.

He next married Permelia Lancaster and had eleven children—one died in infancy:

35. Joseph, married Elizabeth Rich.

36. Lancaster, married Abigail Shively.

37. John, married Mary Tygart.

38. Matilda, married William Worley.

39. Permelia, married William Thomas.

40. Sarah, married Washington Martin.

41. Caroline, married Jacob Zearley.

42. Minerva, married Jackson Stephens.

43. Elizabeth, married George Yeager.

44. Priscilla, married William Prichard.

Noah (16) first married Miss South and had children:

45. Benjamin

46. Otho

47. Samuel

48. Stephen—and several daughters.

He next married Miss Minks, and had children:

49. John

50. Philip—and several daughters.

Mary (17), married William Kennar, of New Orleans, and had one son:

51. Duncan F.

Stephen (20), married Charlotte Walker, and had one daughter who married Henry Chotard, Jr.

William J. (21), married Rebecca Gustine, of Natchez, Miss. Their children were:

52. John, born Aug. 8, 1831.

53. Stephen, born Aug. 18, 1833. Died in infancy.

54. William, born July 31, 1834.

55. Stephen, born Nov. 6, 1837. Died unmarried.

56. James G., born Mar. 30, 1839. Died unmarried.

57. Henry C., born Sept. 29, 1841.

58. Duncan, born May 20, 1844. Died unmarried.

59. Francis O., born May 29, 1847.

60. Katherine L., born Dec. 5, 1849. Died unmarried, 1923.

Philip (23), married Rebecca Evans, and had children:

61. William E.

62. George E.

63. James

64. Henry C.

65. Sarah
John (52), married Katherine Sargent, and lived at Natchez, Miss., and had children (died 1868).
66. Duncan S., lives at Natchez, Miss.
67. Tessie (Schuchardt), lives at 1187 Lexington Ave., New York, N. Y.
68. Jeanne M. (McDowell), lives at Natchez, Miss.
William (54), married Annie Chaplain.
Henry (57), married Annie Butler.
Francis (59), married Odile La Rue.
The families of these last three live in New Orleans and in Terrebonne Parish, La.
Noah (25), married Lydia Chalfant, and had twelve children, of whom four died in childhood:

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69. Theophilus, married Miss Davis, of Fairmont, went to Ohio and raised a family:
Lydia
Daniel
Josephine
Ida
All born in Ohio.
His second wife was Nancy Scoby. They moved to Illinois and had eight children. He died at Chillicothe, Mo., in 1884:
70. Oliver, married Miss Simmons, and had a family in Ohio.
71. Lot, married in Ohio, and had one child—a daughter.
72. Jemima, married Samuel Sked, and had a family—Ohio.
73. Susan, married Abraham Moore, and had a family—Ohio.
74. Lydia, married Phelps Thompson—one daughter—Ohio.
75. Parmelia, died unmarried.
76. Margaret, married Nicholas B. Johnston—seven children.
Joseph (35), married Elizabeth Rich. The children were:
77. Cassandra, married Silas Rogers.
78. Adaline, married ——— Cochran—lived in Ohio.
79. Emmaline, married ——— Mason—had one daughter.
80. Josephine, married ——— Shaffer.
81. John
82. Ellsworth, died unmarried.
Lancaster (36), married Abigail Shively. They had one son:
83. William Worth, went to Illinois and had family.
John (37), married Mary Tygart—had two daughters. Died in Illinois.
84. Elzena, married Josiah Hawkins—thirteen children—Fairmont, W. Va.

85. Emma, married H. T. Lough.

Sarah (65), married Hirman H. Lindsey and had children:

86. James M.
87. Laura
88. Margaret M.
89. Annie
90. George M.

Theophilus (22), born Feb. 17, 1789, married Myra Eakin, of Nashville, Tennessee, and had children.

91. John S., born May 25, 1824, married Louise Doyle.
92. Ellen F., born June 7, 1826, died October, 1845.
93. Julia N., born Feb. 6, 1829, married Wm. A. Elmore.
94. Laura P., born Feb. 29, 1832, married Dr. Sigur.
95. Philip T., born Nov. 13, 1834, died in infancy.
96. Philip T., born Jan. 27, 1836.
97. Harry H., born Sept. 3, 1837, married Virginia Doyle.
98. William N., born March 20, 1839, married Carrie Hosey.
99. Frances E., born Feb. 6, 1848, married Edward Montgomery.

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